CORRECTED FISCAL NOTE

SB 563 - HB 715

March 19, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities to create a program and administer a pool of funds to make special payments to community service providers for persons who are uninsured or medically indigent.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

March 2, 2007, we issued a fiscal note on this bill indicating *the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities would have to develop a program and fund pool. A basic benefit package is estimated to increase state expenditures by an amount which would exceed $16,000,000. An expanded benefit package is estimated to increase state expenditures by an amount which exceeds $61,000,000.* The fiscal impact of the bill is as follows:

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Other Fiscal Impact – The Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities would have to develop a program and fund pool. A basic benefit package is estimated to increase state expenditures $16,000,000.   An expanded benefit package is estimated to increase state expenditures $61,000,000.
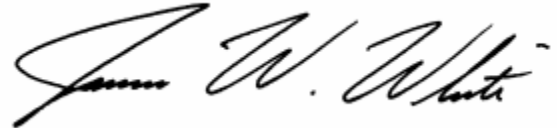
Assumptions:

- In accordance with Public Chapter 812 of 2006, the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities (DMHDD), in conjunction with community mental health providers, service recipients, family members, and other appropriate state and local agencies, studied the options for access to non-emergency behavioral health services for uninsured individuals.
- For the report, "Options for Access to Non-Emergency Behavioral Health Services for Uninsured Tennesseans," cost estimates were developed for different behavioral health service models to cover 521,000 uninsured individuals.

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- The cost estimates were $16 to $26 million for a basic benefit package and $61 to $91 million for an expanded benefit package.

CERTIFICATION:

    This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White

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